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In re the application of:

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 1999, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

(Amended) A scanning exposure apparatus comprising:

a scanning system for synchronously scanning a mask and a photosensitive substrate at respective speeds which are different from each other for scanning exposure; and

an adjusting system for moving the mask to decrease a positional deviation between the mask and the substrate,

independently of scanning of the mask which is performed by

said scanning system, during the scanning exposure.

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